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REMARKS

1. In late December 1953, five large temporary quartering buildings, each about 65 meters long, were under construction at the Brandenburg-Briest airfield. After completion, the buildings were to be occupied by the Kazavitski air force unit which, at that time, was quartered at the Goerdeninsane asylum. 1
2. From his place of work, source observed the following air activity between 9 January and 3 February 1954:
- 2 January. Between 9 a.m. and noon, there was intensive individual flying by Il-10s with 3 to 4 aircraft being aloft at the same time. The weather was overcast at an altitude of 500 to 600 meters.
- 19 January. In the morning and afternoon, individual Il-10s practiced flying. In the afternoon, the aircraft repeatedly assembled and practiced formation flying but landed again individually.
- 30 January. Individual aircraft and formations of four aircraft practiced flying.
- 3 February. There was intensive individual flying. 2
3. In mid-January, the former Goerden hospital was located about 2.5 km northwest of Brandenburg and west of the Brandenburg-Prizerbe railroad line. The installation consisted of 25 to 30 three-story brick buildings of which about 6 were occupied by a Soviet Air Force unit while about 20 of the other buildings were still being used by the hospital. The buildings occupied by the Soviets were located along the northern side of the installation but included also one located in the middle of the area. The Soviet-occupied buildings were separated from the others by a high board

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fence. About 2 p.m. on 18 January, four platoons of about 30 men were observed marching into the quartering area. A parking lot was located in the northwestern corner of the area. [REDACTED] installation.¹

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- 25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. So far only a few quartering facilities have been available at Brandenburg-Briest airfield. Therefore the unit had to be billeted in the Goerden insane asylum. The intended vacating of the Soviet-occupied buildings was reported previously. [REDACTED] Unit Kazavitski is the OATB of the ground attack regiment stationed at the field.

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- 25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment. Information on air activity is scanty in this report but there are no indications of any changes in the occupation of the field.

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